



County of San Diego

Department of Environmental Health

DATE OF NOTICE: July 10, 2006

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE REVISED PARTIAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE GREGORY CANYON LANDFILL PROJECT AND PUBLIC MEETING RELATED THERETO

PUBLIC REVIEW OF RPDEIR: The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is recirculating a Revised Partial Draft Environmental Impact Report (RPDEIR) for the Gregory Canyon Landfill project (LOG No. 98-02-025) for public review. The review period begins on July 10, 2006 and ends on August 24, 2006. The RPDEIR identifies the following significant environmental impacts from the landfill project: Traffic and Circulation, Noise, Biological Resources, Archaeological and Cultural Resources, Ethnohistory and Native American Interests.

PUBLIC MEETING: DEH will hold a public meeting on August 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Escondido Council Chambers at 201 North Broadway, Escondido. Verbal and written comments regarding the revised portions of the RPDEIR will be accepted at the meeting. Each person making verbal comments will be allotted 3 minutes.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments must reference the project name and may be submitted at the public meeting or may be sent to the DEH Local Enforcement Agency Office at 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego, Ca 92123-1217, FAX # 858-495-5004 or E-mail: dehcomments@sdcounty.ca.gov. All written comments must be received by DEH no later than 4:00pm on August 24, 2006.

Please Note: Comments must be limited to the portions of the 2003 Final EIR that have been revised in the RPDEIR (CEQA Guidelines §15088.5(f)(2)). As lead agency, DEH requests that reviewers limit the scope of their comments to the portions of the 2003 EIR which have been revised in the RPDEIR. DEH will respond only to comments received during this recirculation period that relate to the revised portions contained in the RPDEIR.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENT: The RPDEIR and the 2003 EIR are available for review on line at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh>. They are also available for review at the DEH offices located at 1255 Imperial Avenue-3d floor, San Diego; 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego; and 151 Carmel Street, San Marcos. Paper copies or CD's of the RPDEIR and the 2003 EIR can be purchased for the cost of reproduction at the DEH office located at 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego. The RPDEIR and 2003 EIR are available for review at the following public libraries: Escondido at 239 S. Kalmia Street; Fallbrook at 124 S. Mission Road; Valley Center at 29200 Cole Grade Road; and San Diego at 820 E Street.

BACKGROUND: The proposed Gregory Canyon Landfill project includes the construction and operation of a new Class III municipal solid waste landfill in the unincorporated area of San Diego County. The project site lies primarily within the Pala/Pauma Subregional Plan area. A small portion of the northwest corner of the site is within the Fallbrook Community Plan area. The site is located on SR 76 approximately three miles east of I-15 (see attached map for location). In 1994 Proposition C amended the General Plan designation and zoning for the site to allow development of the project.

The Director of DEH certified the 2003 EIR for the landfill project on February 6, 2003. A legal challenge to the 2003 EIR was filed. The court ruled that the 2003 EIR was defective in three respects: Failure to consider the 2003 Traffic Needs Assessment of Tribal Development Projects in the San Diego Region, Water Supply and Biological Mitigations as they related to Proposition C. On January 20, 2006, the court issued a Peremptory Writ of Mandate directing the Director of DEH to rescind his prior action certifying the EIR. The writ of mandate is available on line at: <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh>.

REVISIONS: Limited portions of the 2003 EIR have been revised to address the deficiencies noted by the court, to update the project description and to analyze and evaluate the project based on several new studies that have been completed.

To comply with the writ of mandate, the RPDEIR includes revisions to the following sections:

- The Traffic and Circulation section has been revised to analyze the 2003 Traffic Needs Assessment of Tribal Development Projects in the San Diego Region.
- The Public Services and Facilities section has been revised to analyze impacts of the proposed use of off-site recycled water from the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD), including impacts from improvements at the OMWD Santa Fe Valley Reservoir and Pump Station. This water would be trucked from the OMWD Santa Fe Valley Reservoir and Pump Station located near the intersection of Artesian Road and Marantha Way in Rancho Bernardo.
- The Biological Resources section includes revised mitigation measures for biologic impacts to comply with Section 5R of Proposition C.

Although not required by the writ of mandate, the RPDEIR includes revisions to the following sections:

- The Traffic and Circulation section to reevaluate traffic impacts based on a new traffic study.
- The sections on Archaeological and Cultural Resources and Ethnohistory and Native American Interests.
- The Biological Resources section to reevaluate impacts of the project to upland habitat for the arroyo southwestern toad, impacts to least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher, and impacts to vegetation communities.
- The Noise section to reevaluate impacts based on new traffic and noise studies.
- Chapter 10 to reflect changes in the project design and mitigation measures and Chapter 11 to address additional significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the new studies and the RPDEIR.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to DEH at:

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